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## Wet Conditions Slow Harvest

Across Southern Idaho rains provided much needed moisture. All Southern Idaho reporting stations received precipitation. Boise received the most at 1.60 inches, and Caldwell received the least at .03 inches. Potato and sugarbeet harvest were delayed by rain mid-week. For the week ending October 15, Idaho farmers had an average of 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major farm activities included fall field work, planting winter wheat, chopping corn silage, harvesting potatoes, sugarbeets, corn for grain, apples, and onions.

### CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	2000	1999	Avg.
Onions Harvested	94	90	90
Dry Beans Harvested	98	98	96
Apples Harvested	55	34	52
Corn Harvested for Silage	92	93	91
Corn Harvested for Grain	32	11	12

### CROP REPORT

In Eastern Idaho rain slowed and in some areas halted potato and sugarbeet harvest. Harvest of onions, dry beans, apples, and corn is ahead of the five year average. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay is nearing completion. Rains boosted topsoil moisture to 4% very short, 36% short, 57% adequate, and 3% surplus.

### LIVESTOCK REPORT

Cattle are reported in good condition, but range conditions continue to be poor as the growing season comes to an end. County Extension Educators in Camas County report cattle being moved to the Magic Valley. Producers continue to wean, vaccinate, market yearlings and lambs, and pregnancy check. Snow was reported in the upper elevations.

### CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	22	42	28	8	0
Winter Wheat	0	0	13	84	3
Potatoes	0	2	10	49	39

### CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2000

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted . . . . .	83	77	75	64	47	50	91	74	77	84	89	89	83	77	77
Emerged . . . . .	29	11	28	30	6	17	35	34	37	59	56	63	40	30	40
Potatoes															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	95	84	82	68	76	72	82	83	83	79	81	80
Sugarbeets															
Harvested . . . . .	NA	NA	NA	7	17	14	36	39	30	31	54	50	29	38	29

Avg (1995-1999); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 15, 2000 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40° Base	50° Base To Date	Normal	Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of October	March 1 To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene 5/	63	28	--	--	3664	1854	1853	0.02	-0.06	0.57	10.65	13.83
Lewiston	65	38	53	-1	4844	2778	2781	0.15	-0.05	0.68	8.08	7.38
Sand Point	70	32	49	3	3270	1536	1451	0.05	-0.41	0.05	13.85	15.29
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	85	41	53	0	5148	3102	2621	1.60	1.44	1.60	6.06	6.30
Caldwell	77	37	53	0	5062	2985	2910	0.03	-0.12	0.03	2.84	5.31
Emmett 5/	74	37	--	--	4856	2831	2600	0.60	0.41	0.60	4.48	6.22
Mountain Home	82	37	52	0	5190	3139	2570	0.66	0.52	0.66	4.29	5.23
Parma	75	31	51	0	4980	2923	2429	1.22	1.05	1.22	5.12	5.88
Weiser 5/	74	33	--	--	5241	3172	2461	0.42	0.25	0.42	3.55	5.27
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl	84	37	52	1	4825	2858	2111	0.48	0.33	0.48	3.58	5.34
Burley	82	35	51	1	4892	2892	1988	0.35	0.24	0.35	3.15	5.57
Hill City 5/	73	26	46	-1	3295	1637	1312	1.05	0.88	1.05	5.99	6.18
Hagerman 5/	85	32	50	-2	4952	2936	2684	0.42	0.35	0.42	3.54	4.74
Malta 5/	73	30	47	-3	4221	2341	1827	0.34	0.30	0.34	3.46	6.12
Twin Falls	82	34	50	1	4257	2343	1885	0.40	0.27	0.40	4.43	5.74
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen 5/	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.97
Grace	74	24	42	-5	3682	1947	1410	0.70	0.44	1.18	9.24	10.29
Idaho Falls	74	25	44	-3	3622	1878	1708	1.03	0.85	1.03	6.87	7.03
Malad City 5/	77	28	47	-2	4365	2555	1876	0.73	0.48	0.73	3.45	9.32
Pocatello	79	25	47	-2	4170	2332	1976	0.48	0.29	0.48	4.54	7.42
Rexburg	74	25	45	-2	3638	1923	1576	0.99	0.78	0.99	2.97	8.76
Salmon	66	27	45	-3	3693	1893	1720	0.55	0.38	0.70	2.19	7.38

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

## Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average <sup>1</sup>	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	76	50	68	52	60	47	54	46	56	48	56	45	62	44	62	47
Emmett	68	59	68	60	63	57	54	62	60	52	60	55	63	55	62	57
Parma	52	50	51	50	50	49	50	49	53	50	--	--	--	--	51	50
Sandpoint	53	42	51	44	52	47	53	46	52	48	50	47	50	45	52	46
Twin Falls	52	43	54	50	52	46	51	45	50	46	50	45	52	45	52	46

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.

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